

**SUMMARIZED MINUTES
SCOTTSDALE CITY COUNCIL
WORK STUDY SESSION
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2006**



**CITY HALL KIVA
3939 N. DRINKWATER BOULEVARD
SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85251**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Manross called to order a Work Study Session of the Scottsdale City Council on Tuesday, September 12, 2006 in the City Hall Kiva at 5:10 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Mary Manross
Vice Mayor Jim Lane
Council Members Betty Drake, Wayne Ecton, Robert Littlefield,
Ron McCullagh, and Tony Nelssen

Also Present: City Manager Jan Dolan
City Attorney Deborah Robberson
City Clerk Carolyn Jagger

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Environmental Program at Granite Reef Senior Center on September 18, 2006; Mayor and Council Breakfast on September 21, 2006.

WORK STUDY ITEM:

1. **City of Scottsdale Fire Department Standards of Response Coverage**
Overview of the Fire Department's Standards of Response Coverage document and outline recommendations.
Related Policies, References:
 - Ordinance No. 3588 to create a municipal Fire Department and authorize 256 full-time positions for the Fire Department (in addition to the Fire Chief)
 - IGA No. 2004-138-COS for the Phoenix Fire Department Regional Dispatch System
 - IGA No. 2004-139-COS initiating City's participation in the Central Arizona Life Safety Response System Council, including Automatic Aid**Staff Contact(s):** William McDonald, Fire Chief, 480-312-1880,
wmcdonald@scottsdaleaz.gov

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Mayor Manross opened public testimony.

Charles Crehore, 7516 E Cavedale, 85262, spoke in opposition to relocating the fire station from the Pima Road site to Jomax and Miller, stating that Pima is a four-lane road and better suited for the facility. Mr. Crehore cited statistics that indicate 72% of the fire emergencies from the existing fire station go north or south on Pima Road.

Michael Merrill, 8713 E Vernon Av, 85257, encouraged Council to schedule a Work Study Session to study police department issues since that was the main concern of citizens when the public safety tax was passed a few years ago. He questioned whether issues in the Police Department Manpower Report had been acted upon.

Mayor Manross closed public testimony. One additional comment card was received from a citizen opposed to Item 1, but not wishing to speak.

Fire Chief William McDonald provided a presentation outlining the Standards of Response Coverage Report:

- Fire Station Location Study
 - Overview of current operations and situations
 - Thirteen fire stations, one in design
 - 23,952 calls for emergency service (FY 2005/06)
 - 15,156 medical emergencies
 - Emergency Deployment System
 - Response Considerations
 - Geography, demographics
 - Standards of Coverage Methodology
 - Assumptions
 - Incident data
 - Response data
 - Occupancy mapping and risk evaluation
 - Response time importance: Flashover, Irreversible brain damage
 - Resource analysis
 - Distribution (fire station and resource locations)
 - Staffing for critical tasks
 - Concentration (proximity of fire stations to each other and target hazards)
 - Risk levels
 - Reliability (availability of assigned resource to respond to emergency incident)
 - Findings
 - Department provides very good service
 - Some improvements needed in system
 - Four-minute response deficiencies in some areas
 - Distribution of ladder truck service areas
 - Station relocations
 - Service delivery difficulties and system gaps
 - Service level objectives
 - Recommendations
 - Fire Department adopts Service Level Objectives
 - Add a downtown fire station (Station 602)
 - Add a ladder truck

- Relocate Station 601 (from Miller/Thomas to Miller/McDowell)
- Purchase site for Station 613 (currently at Pima/Jomax)
- Secure site for Station 616 (Pima/Cave Creek)
- Evaluate need for a new station near Loop 101 and Hayden Road

Council/Staff discussion: (Mayor Manross left the meeting at 6:18 PM to attend another function.)

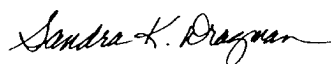
- Chief McDonald explained that two additional fire stations are proposed over the next five years at a cost of about \$3M each for construction. The proposed relocation of the station at Miller and Thomas will come before Council next spring, and the Jomax proposal is tentatively scheduled to come before Council on October 3, 2006.
- In discussion of the cost of relocation and the offsetting gains, Chief McDonald said the Jomax station would improve response time by one or two minutes to the western side of the district. With two other fire stations in the area, there is now an overlap in service along Pima Road.
- Chief McDonald attributed higher property loss figures to an increase in the severity of fires. He also noted that loss calculations are done differently now, and figures have not been adjusted for inflation, so any comparison to previous data would be misleading.
- Chief McDonald reviewed the criteria used to evaluate the site at Jomax and Miller, and discussed alternative sites on Hayden Road and Scottsdale Road.
- Councilman Nelson questioned the lack of public outreach regarding the proposed purchase of property at Miller and Jomax, and the process surrounding the non-refundable \$15,000 deposit that was made on the property. City Manager Jan Dolan explained that no decision had been made regarding the relocation of the fire station to the Jomax property. The \$15,000 deposit was required to place a hold on the property while the evaluation process continued. Ms. Dolan pointed out that there will be another opportunity for public comment when staff presents its recommendation to Council, tentatively scheduled for October 3, 2006.
- Councilman Nelssen expressed concern about changing the character of the neighborhood, which contains horse properties and narrow dirt roads. He considers the potential conflict between a fire station at the Jomax site and horse-related traffic to be a significant problem. Councilman Nelssen believes there are other locations for the station which will have less impact, and urged that those sites be given a closer look. He suggested that if any rezonings were to occur in the area, the developer could be asked to provide a fire station.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT - None

MAYOR AND COUNCIL ITEMS - None

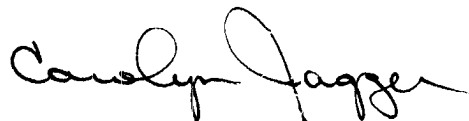
ADJOURNMENT - With no further business to discuss, the Work Study Session adjourned at 6:52 P.M.

SUBMITTED BY:



Sandy Dragman
Recording Secretary

REVIEWED BY:



Carolyn Jagger
City Clerk

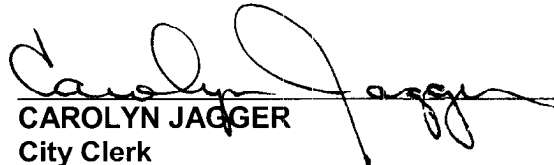
Officially approved by the City Council on September 26 2006

C E R T I F I C A T E

I hereby certify that the foregoing Minutes are a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Work Study Session of the City Council of Scottsdale, Arizona held on the 12th day of September 2006.

I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

DATED this 26th day of September 2006.


CAROLYN JAGGER
City Clerk